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FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE  
OF CONNECTICUT

*Connecticut's Inventory of Services  
to Promote Fatherhood  
and Support Families*

# **Fatherhood Directory 2006**



Dear Colleagues:

As we complete another year promoting the Fatherhood Initiative across the State of Connecticut, I am extremely encouraged by the many lives we have touched and the accomplishments we have made together.

We continue to work to support and promote the positive interaction of fathers with their children, understanding that fathers are critical forces in their children's lives, and that they must be acknowledged for and assisted with the important role they play -- fathers are a source of love, nurturance, guidance as well as financial and emotional support. We are, however, still troubled by the realities in Connecticut where more than 25% of families do not have a father in the home and frequently, fathers who are home are often not fully aware of how their children develop and what their needs are.

Fathers in Connecticut need to know that they have choices and resources to help them to be part of their children's lives. The Department is offering a wide range of programs and services to assist communities and agencies in identifying and addressing the needs of fathers and families by focusing our efforts on four proven systems change strategies:

- capacity-building in existing programs;
- infusing father-friendly principles and practices into existing systems;
- media advocacy to promote responsible fatherhood; and
- recommending social policy change to strengthen families.

I would like to thank the many staff, providers, volunteers, and others who tirelessly work to change state systems and to promote the importance of the positive relationships of fathers with their children. We rely heavily on these unsung heroes to make Connecticut a place where fathers and families are fully supported.

We are pleased to provide you with the 2006 edition of the *Connecticut Statewide Inventory of Services to Promote Fatherhood and Support Families* which lists many fatherhood providers, support groups, web-based sites and other resources that support fatherhood-related issues.

As always, I would like to thank you for your continuing interest in and support of the Fatherhood Initiative.

Best regards,

Patricia A. Wilson-Coker, JD, MSW  
Commissioner



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The Fatherhood Initiative of Connecticut is the result of legislation (Public Act 99-193) passed in June 1999, designed to promote the positive involvement and interaction of fathers with their children – specifically those fathers whose children receive assistance from the Department of Social Services. The Fatherhood Initiative is a broad-based, statewide program that is focused on changing the systems that can improve fathers' ability to be fully and positively involved in their children's lives.

The objectives of the Fatherhood Initiative include:

- Promoting public education concerning the financial and emotional responsibilities of fatherhood
- Assisting men in preparation for the legal, financial and emotional responsibilities of fatherhood
- Promoting the establishment of paternity at childbirth
- Encouraging fathers, regardless of marital status, to foster their emotional connection to and financial support of their children
- Establishing support mechanisms for fathers in their relationship with their children, regardless of their marital and financial status
- Integrating state and local services available for families

**The key milestones are:**

- Established a broad-based, statewide Fatherhood Advisory Council (FAC);
- Established FAC Workgroups and "Kitchen Cabinet";
- Published a statewide inventory of Fatherhood Programs;
- Established 2-1-1 as a statewide referral source of Fatherhood Programs;
- Created [www.fatherhoodinitiative.state.ct.us](http://www.fatherhoodinitiative.state.ct.us);
- Co-published "Fathers" brochure (English/ Spanish);
- Established "Fatherhood Resource Center" at the Connecticut Clearinghouse;
- Published quarterly Fatherhood Initiative Newsletter (Fathering Times);
- Co-funded (with the Judicial Branch) fatherhood components in Alternative Incarceration Centers;
- Co-funded (with Dept. of Correction) the development of fatherhood curriculum for incarcerated fathers;
- Funded three fatherhood research and demonstration projects;
- Established Annual Fatherhood Community Recognition Awards;
- Launched statewide media advocacy and public awareness campaign;
- Co-sponsored five regional fatherhood public hearings;
- Co-sponsored a statewide series of fatherhood community forums;
- Passed legislation providing Commissioner-level discretion to adjust the state's portion of child support arrearage when men are positively involved with their children.
- Certified five providers statewide to deliver a continuum of fatherhood-related support services

## FATHERHOOD RESOURCES

Below is a list of web-based sites and related resources that cover fatherhood-related issues.

Fatherhood Initiative of Connecticut  
(800) 842-1508  
<http://www.fatherhoodinitiative.state.ct.us>

CT Parents Plus  
[www.ctparentsplus.org](http://www.ctparentsplus.org)

US Department of Health & Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201  
Telephone: 202-619-0257  
Toll Free: 1-877-696-6775  
<http://fatherhood.hhs.gov/index.shtml>

American Coalition for Fathers & Children  
(800) 978-3237  
[www.acfc.org](http://www.acfc.org)

Center on Fathers, Families & Public Policy  
(312) 341-0900  
<http://www.cffpp.org/>

Children's Rights Council  
(202) 547-6227  
[www.gocrc.com/](http://www.gocrc.com/)

American Public Human Services Association  
(202) 682-0100  
[www.aphsa.org](http://www.aphsa.org)

Father-to-Father/FatherNet  
(612) 626-1212  
<http://www.cyfc.umn.edu/>

Institute for Responsible Fatherhood and  
Family Revitalization  
(202) 293-4420  
<http://fatherfamilylink.gse.upenn.edu/index.htm>

Men's Health Network  
<http://www.menshealthnetwork.org/>

2-1-1 Infoline  
<http://www.infoline.org/>

National Center for Children in Poverty  
215 W. 125th Street, 3rd Floor  
New York, NY 10027  
Tel: 646.284.9600  
Fax: 646.284.9623  
<http://www.nccp.org/>

National Center for Fathering  
(800) 593-Dads  
[www.fathers.com](http://www.fathers.com)

National Center for Strategic Non-Profit  
Development & Community Leadership  
P.O. Box 5719  
Washington, D.C. 20037  
Tel: 202.429.2027  
Toll Free: 1.888.775.6725  
Fax: 202.429.2028  
Email: [jjohnson@npcl.org](mailto:jjohnson@npcl.org)  
Website: [www.npcl.org](http://www.npcl.org)

National Center on Fathers and Families  
University of Pennsylvania  
3440 Market Street, Suite 450  
Philadelphia, PA  
19104-3325  
(215) 573-5500  
[www.ncoff.gse.upenn.edu](http://www.ncoff.gse.upenn.edu)

National Fatherhood Initiative  
(301) 948-0599  
[www.fatherhood.org](http://www.fatherhood.org)

National Fathers' Network  
(206) 747-4004  
[www.fathersnetwork.org](http://www.fathersnetwork.org)

National Partnership for Women and Families  
[www.nationalpartnership.org](http://www.nationalpartnership.org)

National Practitioners Network for Fathers and  
Families  
(800) 343-7633  
[www.npnff.org](http://www.npnff.org)

## FATHERHOOD PROGRAMS IN CONNECTICUT

### **ACCESS AGENCY**

1315 Main Street

Willimantic, CT 06226

Telephone: (860) 450-7400

Fax: (860) 450-7477

Contact: Patti Woolwich, Program Director

E-mail: [patriciaaw@accessagency.org](mailto:patriciaaw@accessagency.org)

<http://www.accessagency.org>

**Program Overview:** A variety of programs are offered free of charge to qualifying participants. These programs provide food, heat, energy, housing assistance, job and life skills training, transportation, community services, small-business counseling, mentoring, and much, much more. Call for more information or visit the website.

### **AHM YOUTH SERVICES**

92 Church Street

Hebron, CT 06248

Telephone: (860) 228-9488

Fax: (860) 228-1213

Contact: Becky Murray, Coordinator

E-mail: [becky.murray@hebronfrc@yahoo.com](mailto:becky.murray@hebronfrc@yahoo.com)

**Program Overview:** *Play & Learn* groups provide socio-recreational interaction between parents and their children, aged birth through 5, and meet once a week in the mornings. Call for further information about playgroup days and times.

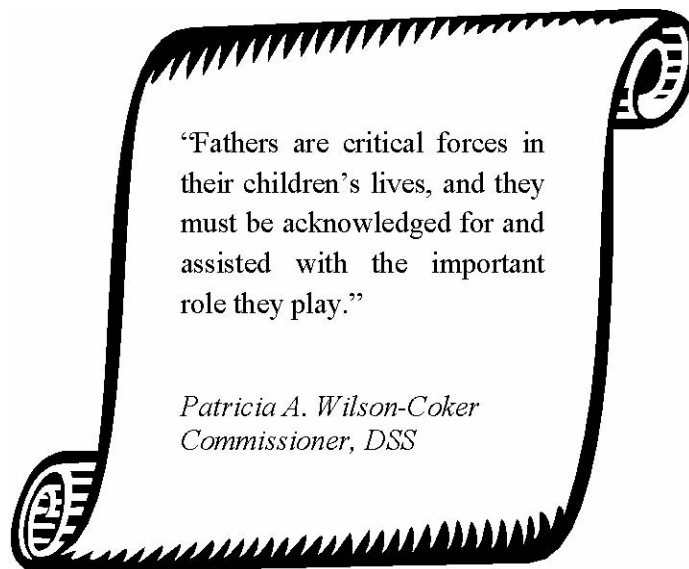
### **BRISTOL HOSPITAL**

Brewster Road

Bristol, CT 06011

Infotlink at Bristol Hospital: 860-585-3661

**Program Overview:** *Boot Camp for New Dads* is a unique orientation workshop for first-time fathers. Taught by Boot Camp veterans (along with their babies), under the direction of a trained coach, this program enables fathers-to-be to step up to the challenge of bringing a new baby home. The fee is \$15; Classes are held on a Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Bristol Hospital's Hughes Auditorium. Call InfoLink at Bristol Hospital for specific dates. Call to register or for more information.



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*Patricia A. Wilson-Coker  
Commissioner, DSS*

### **CAREER RESOURCES, FATHERS FOR LIFE PROGRAM**

350 Fairfield Avenue

Bridgeport, CT 06604

Telephone: (203) 334-5627, Ext. 392

Fax: (203) 334-0058

Contact: Eddie Cajigas, Program Director

E-mail: [Cajigas@careerresources.org](mailto:Cajigas@careerresources.org)

Website: [www.careerresources.org](http://www.careerresources.org)

**Program Overview:** *Fathers for Life* is a 2004 state-certified fatherhood program representing a collaboration of area agencies that ties the State's Alternative Sanctions model to the workforce-development system, with a considerable focus on job training & placement along with a comprehensive continuum of requisite support services. Related services target noncustodial fathers under age 23 in Southwestern Connecticut, primarily those who are referred from the Alternative Sanctions programs in the Judicial Department. Such services include information & referral, intensive case management, technology training and referral to other occupational training, job placement and job retention support, group and individual counseling, parenting education, housing and homeownership opportunities, transportation planning, conflict resolution and anger management training, health & wellness education and screenings, and mentoring.

### **CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND**

505 Hudson Street

Hartford, CT 06106

Telephone: (860) 418-8767

Fax: (860) 418-8767

Contact: Kim Clarke, Coordinator

E-mail: [kim.clarke@po.state.ct.us](mailto:kim.clarke@po.state.ct.us)

Website: [www.ct.gov/ctf](http://www.ct.gov/ctf)

**Program Overview:** Manages the Nurturing Families Network and also facilitates networking and other collaborative opportunities for fatherhood-targeted service providers.

### **CT COMMISSION ON CHILDREN**

18-20 Trinity Street

Hartford, CT 06106

Telephone: (860) 240-0042

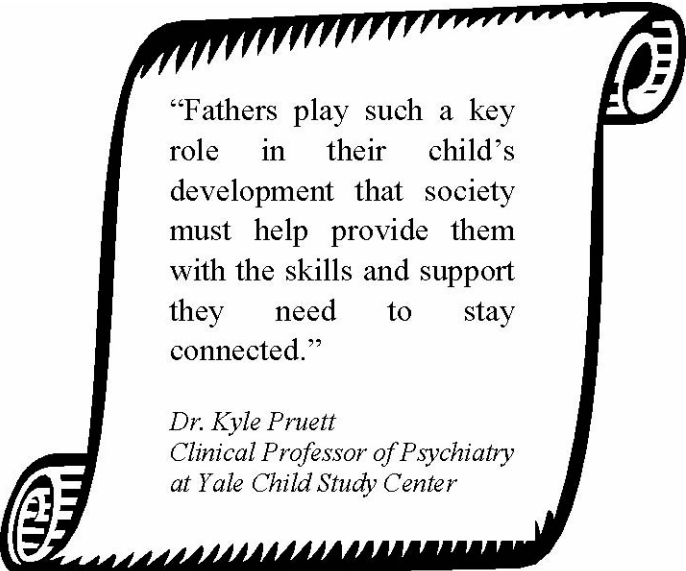
Fax: (860) 240-0248

Contact: Liz Brown

E-mail: [elizabeth.brown@cga.ct.gov](mailto:elizabeth.brown@cga.ct.gov)

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/coc/>

**Program Overview:** This fatherhood-advocacy initiative strives to augment understanding of the special role fathers have in the healthy development of their children. The Commission also advocates on the state and national levels for increased funding and for the development of programs to support fathers.



“Fathers play such a key role in their child’s development that society must help provide them with the skills and support they need to stay connected.”

*Dr. Kyle Pruett  
Clinical Professor of Psychiatry  
at Yale Child Study Center*

### **COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY OF NEW HAVEN**

781 Whalley Avenue

New Haven, CT 06511

Telephone: (203) 387-7700 (X 218)

Fax: (203) 387-3983

Contact: Morris Moreland, Director

E-mail: [mmoreland@caanh.net](mailto:mmoreland@caanh.net)

**Program Overview:** Employment services and case management provided to non-custodial fathers. Services include job-readiness workshops, job development, training and searches respectively.

### **COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**

635 Main Street

Middletown, CT 06457

Telephone: (860) 347-6971 (X 3662)

Fax: (860) 347-6659

Contact: Julie Deak, Coordinator

**Program Overview:** The *Family Wellness Center* offers educational, support, and recreational services for parents and their children. Primary focus is the age range birth to five years. Call for information and to register.

### **COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN ACTION, INC.**

110 Bartholomew Avenue, Suite 4020

Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Telephone: (860) 543-8451

Fax: (860) 293-3952

Contact: Hector L. Ortiz, Program Manager

E-mail: [hortiz@cpa-ct.org](mailto:hortiz@cpa-ct.org)

Website: <http://www.cpa-ct.org/>

**Program Overview:** The *Family Reunification Program* serves incarcerated fathers who have children living in the Greater Hartford area and receiving public assistance, providing he has no more than eighteen and/or no less than three months to be remaining on their prison sentence. Once a week fathers attend life coping skills workshops in areas of self-esteem/self-development, self/help, parenting skills, fatherhood values, conflict resolution, crisis interventions, communication, spirituality, AA and NA. All fathers who complete the 10-week program in good standing are guaranteed six to 12 months re-entry case management with employment placement. The program believes and emphasizes that fathers who reconnect emotionally with their children will maintain a higher level of commitment to breaking the cycle of dependency and rediscover the values of becoming an emotional, financial and care given to their children. Their community re-entry plan must include any substance dependency, employment, child/father relationship activities, support groups, judicial compliance and on-going life coping skills training.

### **CORRARO CENTER FOR CAREERS**

P.O. Box 4015

Woodbridge, CT 06525

Telephone: (203) 393-7203

Fax: (203) 393-7201

Contact: Elizabeth Corrado, CEO

E-mail: ccfc@optonline.net

**Program Overview:** Provides training for noncustodial parents in the greater Hartford region. The program also provides links to programs in anger management, relapse prevention, social re-integration/ support, stress management and family-related matters. Call for information and to register.

### **DIVORCED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT**

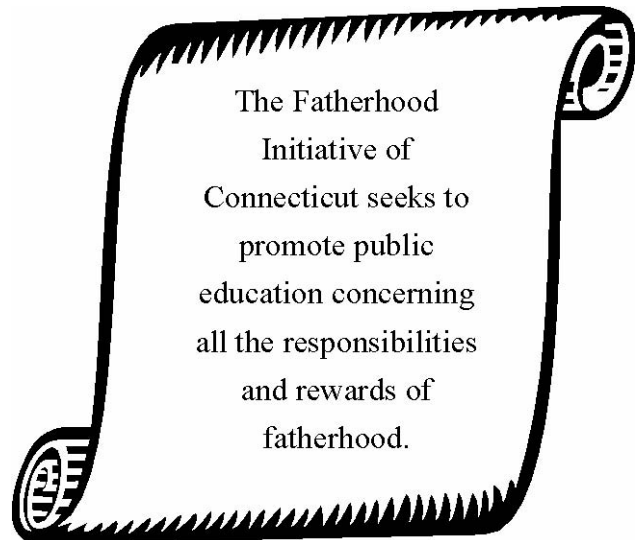
P.O. Box 734

Manchester, CT 06045

Telephone: (860) 643-8516

Contact: Pat D'Angelo, President

**Program Overview:** Peer support and legal information organization for men who are struggling with divorce, child support, and custody issues. Groups can offer legal and familial information about child-related matters to men including referrals to attorneys. Groups meet in East Hartford, Norwich/ New London area, and Waterbury. Some services require membership. Call for information and to register.



### **EDUCATION CONNECTION**

Forest Court Head Start Center

57 Forest Court

Torrington, CT 06790

Telephone: (860) 482-5286

Contact: Todd St. Germain

E-mail: info@educationconnection.org

**Program Overview:** The *Head Start Hero* is a support and parent-education group for fathers who want to make a difference in their children's life. The group explores many issues including divorce, sibling rivalry, etc. The group meets every other Wednesday from 5:00-6:30pm at the Head Start Center in Torrington.



**FAMILIES IN CRISIS, FATHERS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER (FACT)**

30 Arbor Street, North Wing

Hartford, CT 06106

Telephone: (860) 236-3593, ext. 101

Fax: (860) 231-8430

Contact: Susan Quinlan, Executive Director

E-mail: [quinlan@familiesincrisis.org](mailto:quinlan@familiesincrisis.org)

Website: [www.familiesincrisis.org](http://www.familiesincrisis.org)

**Program Overview:** The *FACT* program is a 2004 state-certified fatherhood program that provides individual, family, and group counseling, intensive case management services, volunteer mentor matches, weekly educational and peer support groups, and requisite mental health and substance abuse counseling to incarcerated fathers, ages 18-21, at the Manson Youth Correctional Institution. The program promotes proactive interaction of noncustodial fathers with their children and offers life skill development tools such as parent training, communication, conflict management, and related areas. Aftercare services provided for 3-6 months following release.

**FAMILY CENTERS, INC.**

60 Palmer's Hill Road

Stamford, CT 06902

Telephone: (203) 324-3167

Toll Free: 1-877-349-4689

Fax: (203) 358-2327

Website: [www.familycenters.org](http://www.familycenters.org)

**Program Overview:** *The Young Parents Program* offers individual, family and group counseling for pregnant and parenting teens; outreach through home visits and support groups; and family-life education workshops. Call for information and to register.

**FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER – MANCHESTER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

71 Haynes Street

Manchester, CT 06040

Telephone: (860) 646-1222 (X 2797)

Fax: (860) 533-3413

Contact: Lisa Lundberg, Family Specialist

E-mail: [llundberg@echh.org](mailto:llundberg@echh.org)

**Program Overview:** *FFACT*, or *Fostering Fathers And Children Together*, in concert with the Vernon and Manchester Head Start Early Learning Centers, stresses father involvement for men who want to improve relationships with their children. Call for information and to register.

**FAMILY STRIDES, Nurturing Fathers Program**

350 Main Street, Suite A  
Torrington, CT 06790  
Telephone: (860) 482-3236  
Fax: (860) 482-3238  
Contact: Dan Edison, Manager  
E-mail: [dedison@tahd.org](mailto:dedison@tahd.org)  
Website: [www.familystrides.org](http://www.familystrides.org)

**Program Overview:** This 2004 state-certified fatherhood program promotes parenting education and support to fathers and father figures through weekly groups that focus on the importance of nurturing vital to the father/child relationship, one-on-one contacts, links to community resources, assistance in navigating the court system, educational training, job readiness skills & job placement, and direct contact with business and employment agencies. Call for information and to register.

**FAMILY RE-ENTRY, INC.**

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126 Washington Avenue, 3 Floor  
Bridgeport, CT 06604  
Telephone: (203) 576-6294 (X 100)  
Fax: (203) 866-9291  
Contact: Melissa Hassner, Coordinator  
E-mail: [melissahassner@familyreentry.org](mailto:melissahassner@familyreentry.org)  
Website: [www.familyreentry.org](http://www.familyreentry.org)

**Program Overview:** The "Fathers Helping Fathers" support and parenting-education group is for fathers who experience family-related barriers and upheavals. Program components include group support, anger-management training, and learning how to give their children the kind of guidance and nurturing they often missed in childhood. There are two programs, one for first-time and ex-offenders (court-referral only) and a community-based one. The latter program convenes in Bridgeport on Saturdays and in Norwalk on Mondays. Call for information and to register.

**HARTFORD, CITY OF: HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

2 Holcomb Street  
Hartford, CT 06112  
Telephone: (860) 547-1426 [Ext.7421]  
Fax: (860) 722-6851  
Contact: Chuck Cummings, MSW, Program Manager  
E-mail: [ccummings@hartford.gov](mailto:ccummings@hartford.gov)

**Program Overview:** The *Responsible Fathering Program* provides counsel to teen and young adult fathers, resume preparation, interviewing and job search strategies, child support matters, and anger management therapy.

**MADONNA PLACE, FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE PROGRAM**

240 Main Street

Norwich, CT 06360

Telephone: (860) 886-6600

Fax: (860) 892-5411

Contact: Jacquie Boutin, Program Manager

E-mail: [jboutin@madonnaplace.org](mailto:jboutin@madonnaplace.org)

Website: [www.madonnaplace.org](http://www.madonnaplace.org)

**Program Overview:** This 2004 state-certified fatherhood program's mission is to increase fathers' ability to meet the financial, emotional, medical and educational needs of their children and to promote proactive interaction between them. Curriculum-based parenting and support groups are offered. Individualized Service Plans are developed to address fathers' specific needs.

**MARY HOOKER SCHOOL, FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**

200 Sherbrooke Avenue

Hartford, CT 06106

Telephone: (860) 722-8938

Fax: (860) 522-7590

Contact: Omar Rivera, Director

E-mail: [orivera@villageforchildren.org](mailto:orivera@villageforchildren.org)

Website: [www.villageforchildren.org/programs/support.html](http://www.villageforchildren.org/programs/support.html)

**Program Overview:** The *Parents As Teachers* program provides parenting skills and child development sessions for teenagers/young dads. The curriculum affords weekly sessions to Latinos and African-American teen/young fathers age 15-25. This initiative is a joint venture with the Burns and Rambuh Resource Centers. Program activities with fathers, conducted in both English and Spanish, are often held evenings or on Saturdays. Activities include parenting classes, picnics, field trips and early education classes. Babysitting is provided as needed. Call for information and to register.

**MERIDEN'S CHILDREN FIRST INITIATIVE**

105 Miller Street

Meriden, CT 06450

Telephone: (203) 630-3566

Fax: (203) 630-2423

Contact: David Radcliffe

E-mail: [info@meridenchildrenfirst.org](mailto:info@meridenchildrenfirst.org)

<http://www.meridenchildrenfirst.org/>

**Program Overview:** The *Parent Leadership Training* initiative targets parents to develop their skill sets to optimally act as advocates on behalf of their children. Call for information and to register.

### **MY PEOPLE CLINICAL SERVICES**

P.O. Box 320351

Hartford, CT 06132

Telephone: (860) 416-1553

Fax: (860) 243 -8974

Contact: Abdul Mohammed

E-mail: MPClinical@aol.com

**Program Overview:** This program's mission is to support families, increase father involvement in their children's lives and keep children safe. In addition to delivery of home-based therapy, the program's *Father to Father* (FTF) component emphasizes that fathering is unique and brings special attributes that cannot be replicated. The FTF facilitates group sessions, supervision of visits with noncustodial fathers, a drop-in center, case management and socio-recreational activities for fathers and their children. Call for information and to register.

### **NATCHAUG SCHOOL, FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**

123 Jackson Street

Willimantic, CT 06226

Telephones: (860) 465-2396

Fax: (860) 465-2383

Contact: Barbara Hood, Coordinator

**Program Overview:** *MIKE*, or *Males Involved in Kids' Education*, began in 1999 as a support group for fathers, and now includes activities for fathers and their children. Call for information and to register.

### **NEW HAVEN, CITY OF: BOARD OF EDUCATION**

580 Dixwell Avenue

New Haven, CT 06511

Telephone: (203) 946-6605

Voice mail pager: (203) 491-2261

Fax: (203) 946-6847

Contact: Keith Young, Coordinator

E-mail: [keith.young@new-haven.k12.ct.us](mailto:keith.young@new-haven.k12.ct.us)

**Program Overview:** The *Male Involvement Initiative* convenes classes/workshops to help fathers adjust to their changing role. A fathering group meets for mutual support and for sharing information about the role fathers play in their children's development. Also, the program advocates for fathers seeking employment, legal assistance, education, and other services they need to help them develop the skills they need to meet their responsibilities to their children. The support group meets weekly. Call for information and to register.

### **NEW HAVEN FAMILY ALLIANCE, MALE INVOLVEMENT NETWORK**

370 James Street

New Haven, CT 06511

Telephone: (203) 786-5970

Fax: (203) 786-5970

Contact: Barbara Tinney, Director

E-mail: [barbara.tinney@newhavenfamilyalliance.org](mailto:barbara.tinney@newhavenfamilyalliance.org)

**Program Overview:** The *Male Involvement Network* is a 2004 state-certified fatherhood program. The targeted consumers are men at- risk of becoming “absentee dads”, and striving to dispel myths about noncustodial fathers while increasing awareness of the father's importance to a child's healthy development.

### **NEW HAVEN GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTER**

50 Fitch Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

New Haven, CT 06515

Telephone: (203) 387-2252

Contacts: Co-Presidents Keha Esposito and Paul Kuehn

Website: [www.nhglcc.org](http://www.nhglcc.org)

**Program Overview** Support group for gay fathers meets monthly. Call for information and to register.

### **NORWALK HOUSING AUTHORITY**

24 ½ Monroe Street

Norwalk, CT 06856

Telephone: (203) 838-8471 [Ext.176]

Fax: (203)-838-6535

Contact: Clara Conway, Family Outreach Coordinator

E-mail: [cconwa@norwalkha.org](mailto:cconwa@norwalkha.org)

Website: <http://www.norwalkha.org/>

**Program Overview:** These support and recreation programs offer computer skills for parents coupled with an after-school program for the children. Five after-school academic learning centers serving youth grades 1 through 12 are offered free of charge, and include academic support, computer technology and instruction. Call for more information.

In addition, a Career Resource Center provides support for teens and adults, focusing on economic re-engagement. Call (203) 852-1144 for more information.

### **PRIDE CULTURAL CENTER– WATERBURY PARENTING COALITION INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

186 Cherry Street

Waterbury, CT 06702

Telephone: (203) 591-8841

Fax: (203) 574-3280

Contact: Kay Wyrick

E-mail: [prideyouth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:prideyouth@sbcglobal.net)

**Program Overview:** The “Dads In Education” program empowers fathers to teach youth to build a strong foundation using principles of socialization, participation and awareness. The Group meets monthly. Call for information and to register.

### **PREVENT CHILD ABUSE ( PCA) CONNECTICUT**

Plainville Business Center

74 East Street

Plainville, CT 06062

Telephone: (860) 793-3375

Fax: (860) 793-3370

Contact: Susan Santangelo, Coordinator

E-mail: [ssantangelo@wheelerclinic.org](mailto:ssantangelo@wheelerclinic.org)

Website: [www.wheelerclinic.org](http://www.wheelerclinic.org)

**Program Overview:** *Focus on Fathers* is a 13-week curriculum that teaches fathers, who are incarcerated at Osborn Correctional Facility, how to be effective nurturing fathers to their children. The *Embracing Fatherhood* program is a joint effort between PCA, the Department of Social Services and the Department of Correction. Fathers attend weekly sessions with requisite self-study assignments; the curriculum is an interactive, experiential learning model that promotes development of new parenting attitudes and strategies to re-learn fathering. PCA also provides educational packets with information about the role fathers play in their children's development, educational achievement, health and well-being. PCA also runs the *Young Fathers Group*, designed for young fathers in the Hartford community. This group, funded by the Aetna Foundation, was developed in conjunction with PCA's Hartford *Young Parent Program* that serves adolescent mothers in the Hartford school system. The group meets Wednesday evenings. Call for more information.

### **PROGRESSIVE TRAINING ASSOCIATES**

965 Fairfield Avenue

Bridgeport, CT 06605

Telephone: (203) 366-4085

Fax: (203) 366-8639

Contact: Roland Harmon, Coordinator

E-mail: [drharmo@progressivetraining.org](mailto:drharmo@progressivetraining.org)

**Program Overview:** *Father 2 Father* offers fathers self-sufficiency training, job readiness, job placement, child support, post-incarceration support, and community-based services. The group's focus is to empower fathers through mentoring and skill building. The group meets weekly. Call for information and to register.

### **QUINEBAUG VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

742 Upper Maple Street

Danielson, CT 06239

Telephone: (860) 774-1133 [X 431]

Fax: (860) 774-7768

Contact: Julie Pscrapchansky, Coordinator

E-mail: [jPscrapchansky@qvmc.commnet.edu](mailto:jPscrapchansky@qvmc.commnet.edu)

**Program Overview:** The *STRIDE* program provides incarcerated, noncustodial parents, who will be released or paroled within six to nine months, with the necessary skills, resources, and assistance to obtain and hold a job. Participants must be parents of children under 18 years, who receive cash assistance from the state or whose custodial parents receive cash assistance from the state. Participants are linked to community-based transitional services that support respective employment goals. Participants also receive ongoing post-employment supports to ensure job retention and promote long-term goal attainment.

### **REAL DADS FOREVER**

P.O. Box 684

Manchester CT 06045

Telephone: ( 860)643-7364

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**Program Overview:** *Real Dads Forever* is a multi-faceted fatherhood development program designed to energize, prepare, and strengthen men to fulfill their responsibilities for the betterment of their families...**forever**. Since 1997 we have conducted group sessions with family men; staff training for private and state agencies and schools; school fatherhood programs with family men and their children; and programs for incarceration and alternative-to-incarceration centers. Through the years, over 2000 men have participated in the program in more than 450 groups. We have facilitated over 100 staff trainings and workshops that provide opportunities to examine the value of men in the lives of children and to develop strategies to increase involvement of fathers and family men in the home and school environment. With the use of music, videos, photos and interactive conversation, we create an engaging atmosphere for an informative, inspiring and motivating experience. Call or e-mail for scheduling or to attend a workshop or training.

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Fatherhood Initiative Website: [www.fatherhoodinitiative.state.ct.us](http://www.fatherhoodinitiative.state.ct.us)

**Program Overview:** In accordance with Public Act No. 99-193, the Department of Social Services serves as lead agency for the implementation of the Connecticut Fatherhood Initiative. DSS works with community-based partners throughout Connecticut and sponsors/participates in events that support father involvement.

### **STAYWELL HEALTH CENTER**

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Website: [www.staywellhealth.org](http://www.staywellhealth.org)**Program Overview:** The *Nurturing Families* program teaches parents how to effectively rear their children under auspices of the community-based *Nurturing Connections Network* initiative. Call for information and to register.

**WEXLER GRANT COMMUNITY SCHOOL, FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**

55 Foote Street

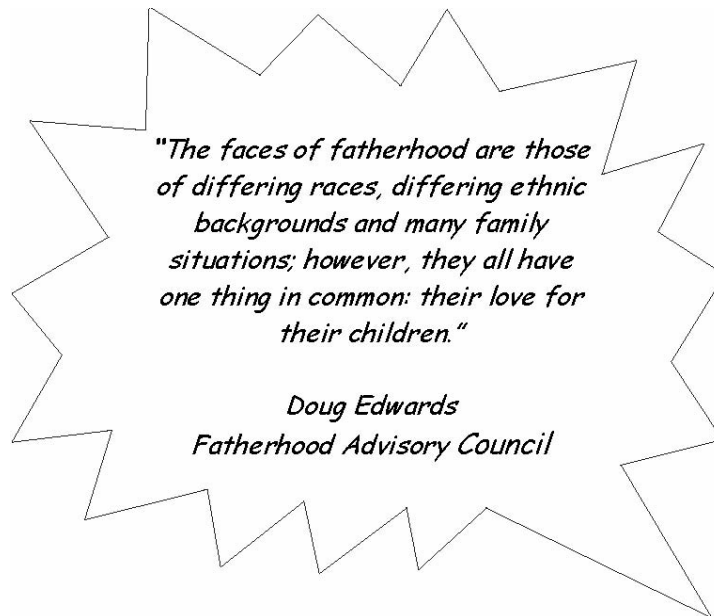
New Haven, CT 06515

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**Program Overview:** *Men On The Move* is a monthly support group for dads focusing on their rights relative to child-support issues. Call for information on meeting places and times.



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